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**He's back.** "Thor" baddie Loki won't be returning for the "Avengers" sequel, but actor Tom Hiddleston swears he's OK with that. **Hammer time.** "Thor: The Dark World" is powerfully forgettable but still lots of brawny, nerdish fun.

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**"As you may have noticed, there are four strong personalities in the family, one of whom, Mr. Dante de Blasio, has strong feelings about proximity to his high school."**

Bill de Blasio on whether his family would move to Gracie Mansion

**Understaffed.** The Brooklyn hospital stopped receiving ambulances Wednesday night.

Julie Semente, a registered nurse, was working in Long Island College Hospital's Intensive Care Unit Wednesday night when the emergency room called and told her and other workers that the Brooklyn hospital would no longer accept ambulances.



Long Island College Hospital has struggled to keep its doors open in recent months. / GETTY IMAGES

"It just shows that we are still fighting for our hospital and these communities," said Semente, who has worked at LICH for 30 years.

While officials say the ambulance diversion will be temporary, the action is particularly troublesome while staffers, community leaders and politicians fight against SUNY Downstate Medical Center's moves to close the beleaguered hospital.

The most recent ambulance diversion comes after a September court ruling halting plans to close the hospital.

A shortage of medical specialists forced Wednesday's action, SUNY spokesman David Doyle said. SUNY is mustering resources from other facilities to staff the hospital, hoping to resume basic life support ambulances Friday.

Even so, Semente said each of these actions are little battles in a longer war.

"We're not handing over our hospital that is so desperately needed," she said.

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## Immigrants vital to economy: Report

A new report from State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli found that despite being hit the hardest by the recession, New York City immigrants are playing a huge role in keeping the city's economy thriving.

Immigrants were to thank for about \$210 billion in economic activity in 2011, approximately 31 percent of the city's gross city product — the municipal-level version of GDP, essentially the size of the economy and a major indicator of how well the city's economy is doing.

Not only are immigrants responsible for nearly a third of the city's economy, they also make up nearly half of the city's



workforce.

In fact, immigrants are the major drivers boosting some of the neighbor-

hoods that are economically on the rise: Coney Island, Corona, Elmhurst, Flushing, Jackson Heights

and Washington Heights, according to the report.

The report also found that immigrants are not

limited to lower-paying occupations: they are apparently comprising a notable number of the city's physicians, accountants, auditors and financial managers.

While immigrant wages dropped by about 12 percent from 2007 to 2009, during the recession, they bounced back and then some in the two following years with an increase of about 16 percent. The number of businesses in the 10 neighborhoods the Census defines as having the highest number of immigrants grew by nearly 23 percent. Businesses in other areas of the city grew by only 7 percent, the report found.

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

### Under investigation

#### Man, 21, shot in Jamaica, Queens

Police reported yet another shooting that occurred on Halloween.

A 21-year-old man was shot three times that Thursday evening, police said.

Police said the shooting occurred around 7 p.m. in Jamaica,

Queens.

The suspect shot at the man multiple times during the incident, hitting him three times in the torso, police said.

The shooter ran off, police said. The victim was taken to Jamaica Hospital in stable condition.

Police are asking the public's help in locating him.

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### Mayor-elect

#### De Blasio flies to Puerto Rico for conference in coach

They may be the next first family, but they don't need first class.

Mayor-Elect Bill de Blasio and his wife Chirlane McCray flew to a conference and brief vacation in Puerto Rico Thursday riding in



Bill de Blasio / GETTY IMAGES

coach. De Blasio will be speaking at the Somos El Futuro Fall Conference, an annual meeting of New York City and state Latino leaders.

"I have participated for many years. I look forward to speaking at the conference, I look forward to meeting with senior Puerto Rican leaders," de Blasio said Wednesday.

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—THE NEW YORK TIMES

# ROBERT INDIANA: BEYOND LOVE



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Robert Indiana (b. 1928), LOVE, 1966. Oil on canvas.  
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## Health. Mayor takes credit for proposal to reduce trans fats

After the Food and Drug Administration announced a phaseout of artificial trans fats Thursday, Mayor Michael Bloomberg was quick to credit his administration's efforts.

"The groundbreaking public health policies we have adopted here in New York City have become a model for the nation for one reason: They've worked," the mayor said.

In 2006, New York City was the first in the nation to prohibit restaurants from using most trans fats, he said.

The FDA ruled that partially hydrogenated oils, found in artificial trans fats, aren't "generally recognized as safe" in food — contrary to previous beliefs. The agency opened a 60-day review in which lobbyists and food manufacturers can defend their product.

"Today, we're greatly encouraged that the FDA

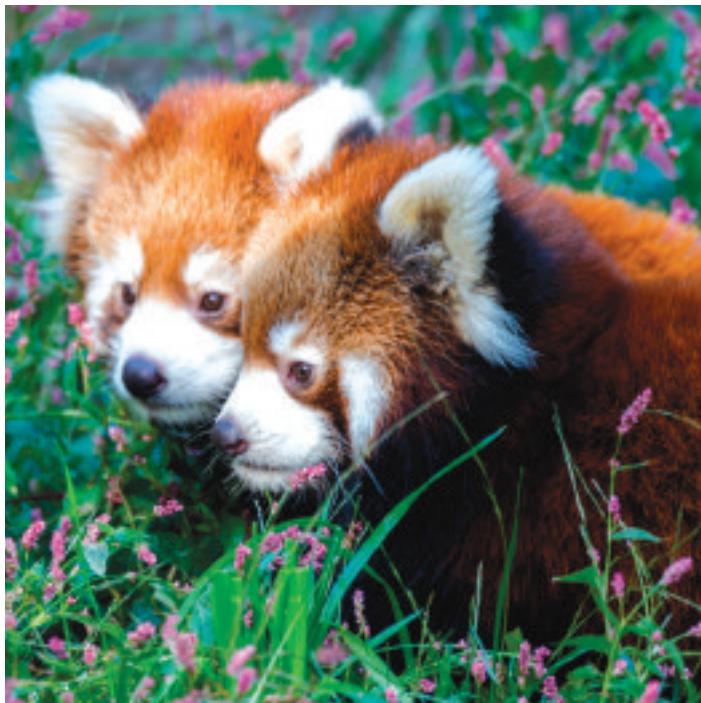
### Following NYC

At least 15 states and localities have followed New York City's suit and banned trans fats.

- More than 10 fast food chains have eliminated trans fats entirely.
- The FDA said the phaseout could prevent 20,000 heart attacks and 7,000 deaths from heart disease each year.

proposed measures that would virtually eliminate the artery-clogging and unnecessary ingredient from our nation's food supply," Bloomberg said.

But Bloomberg didn't take all the credit. "The FDA deserves great credit for taking this step, which will help Americans live longer, healthier lives," he said. **ANNA SANDERS**



## Red panda cubs make debut at zoo

Four cuddly red panda cubs made their debut at the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo and Prospect Park Zoo Thursday. Two of the adorable cubs are at the Himalayan Highlands in the Bronx Zoo and two are at the Discovery Trail at the Prospect Park Zoo. Each of the litters have a male and female cub. / JULIE LARSEN MAHER, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

### Holidays

## Rockefeller Center Christmas tree to arrive on Friday

The Christmas tree that will light up Rockefeller Center this year will be hauled into Midtown on Friday morning.

This year's tree hails from Shelton, Conn.

The 76-foot, 12-ton Norway Spruce is being chopped down at 9 a.m. on Thursday and hoisted onto a flatbed truck for its trip to New York City.

This is the second time since 2007 that the Rockefeller Center tree was chosen from Shelton.

The 81st annual Tree Lighting ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. on Dec. 4.

The holiday spruce can be viewed through Jan. 7.

**LAURA SHIN**



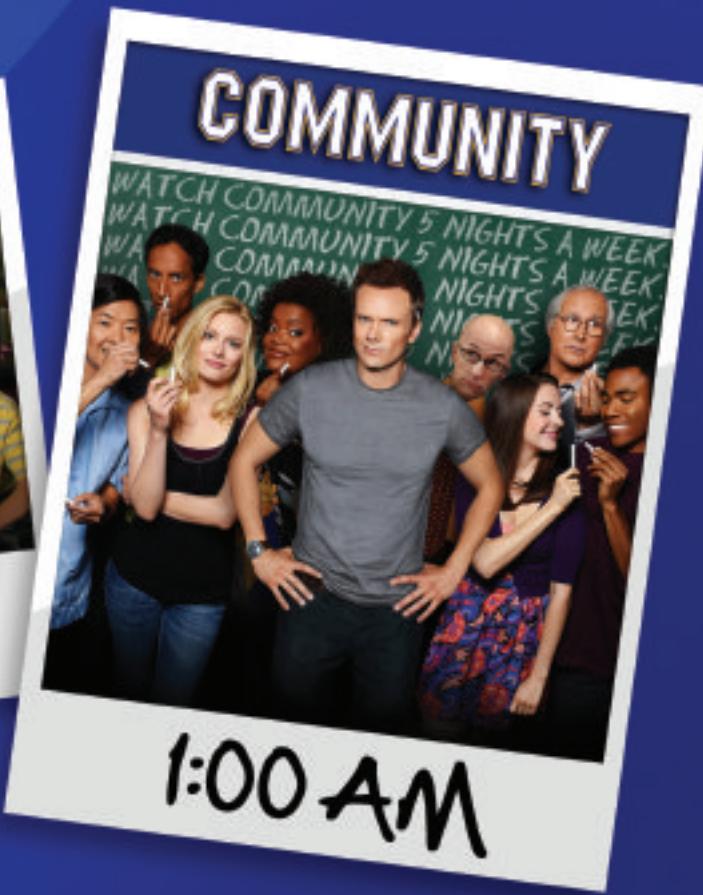
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## Boat. Driver charged in deadly river crash

A grand jury indicted the driver of a speedboat that crashed and killed a bride-to-be and her fiance's best man on New York's Hudson River after testing showed he had consumed nearly twice the legal limit of alcohol, officials said on Thursday.

The driver, Jojo John, had a blood alcohol level of 0.15 percent when he crashed the boat carrying six people from a wedding party into a barge on the Hudson River near the Tappan Zee Bridge, the Rockland County District Attorney's office said. **REUTERS**

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The Jack Kirby museum will only be open through Sunday. / AYMAN ISMAIL, NY

**Pop king.** The temporary museum will greet visitors until Nov. 10.

### Community effort

"Spaces like these are intrinsic to what the Lower East Side needs right now, which is a little more community, and a little more togetherness."

Mary Garrett, operations director at Made in the Lower East Side

From "The Avengers" to ABC's "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." to "Thor: The Dark World," opening in theaters this week, many of film and television's biggest blockbusters came from the mind of the comic book artist Jack Kirby.

As the creator or co-creator of such iconic characters as Captain America, the X-Men and The Incredible Hulk, Kirby has been at the heart of pop culture. Now, the man called "The King of Comics" is being honored in a temporary museum on the Lower East Side at 178 Delancey Street, the neighborhood where he was born and raised.

"We want to get the word out about one of America's greatest pop-culture creators," said Randolph Hoppe, co-founder of the Jack Kirby Museum.

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# MOOSE ON THE LOOSE

## Opinion

**TOM FOREMAN**

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If every politician were like Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, I could die a happy man. In the pantheon of misbehaving mayors, this Canadian-official-turned-crack-smoker is as entertaining as a lost moose in a mall.

Forget all the past controversies over his comments on AIDS, his conflict of interest trial, his opinion of bicycle commuters (he's against them, in case you're wondering) and his insults aimed at pretty much anyone who gets in his way. His antics over just the past few months are more than enough to keep us media types wound up as tightly a goalie trying to nab the next puck sizzling toward the net.

Think about this: After insisting for the longest time that he never smoked crack, Ford finally admits he did, and his excuse is that he was probably in a "drunken stupor." That would be like Anthony Weiner saying, "Yeah, I sent the pictures, but I was really lonely at the time."

## Quoted

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## Expert says wait

### Want to buy shares of Twitter?

All of the chatter on Twitter's IPO may make you want to rush in and buy shares, but don't jump in just yet. Santosh Rao, senior equity analyst and head of research at Greencrest Capital talked to Metro about why retail investors should wait to buy today's hottest IPO.

**1 You don't have all of the information.** According to Rao, companies give information to potential bulk investors ahead of time. "They've showed them the financials and they've given them more detail than you and I know," said Rao. "[The institutional investors] know the risk and opportunities much better than we do." As a public company, Twitter

will have to disclose more information going forward, so retail investors can make more informed decisions.

**2 It's overpriced right now.** Twitter stock began trading on Thursday at \$45.10, closing at \$44.90, but Rao said the value is more like \$30. "It opened at \$45 already and that's when you get there, it's too late," said Rao. High demand for the limited shares drove up the price.

**3 It will probably pull back.** Rao said most stocks pull back after an IPO. "They always come back," he said. "Wait for a pull-back — don't chase it. You never win the IPO in the first round." He pointed to Facebook's May 2012 IPO as an example, which dropped from \$38.23 to \$20.01 a share after two

The mayor's escapades are a bit surprising. I've generally found our northern neighbors to be agreeable, civic-minded and conscientious folks whether drunk or sober. Their anthem, "O Canada," is lovely even if it does sound a lot like "I Can't Help Falling In Love With You." Their flag is beautiful. They're terrific trading partners. They have national heroes whom they admire (Wayne Gretzky), and yet they can enjoy a good laugh at the expense of those legends (Paulina Gretzky).

How did they wind up with this mayor running amok in their largest city? Ford says what he thinks, and he sells a steady message of practical politics ... filling potholes, relieving traffic and eliminating government waste. That has made him popular, especially with working-class voters.

So don't underestimate Ford's ability to hold onto his office. From afar he may look like a fool, but up close, to many, he looks like a friend. And in difficult, confusing times, the power of populism can be as great as that of a grizzly.



months — but the stock has since recovered, closing at \$47 on Thursday.

Rao is not saying that retail investors shouldn't buy Twitter stocks; in fact, he said that the company has a lot of potential. But he advised against "quick in and out" trading.

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## DOUGLAS COUPLAND

Douglas Coupland is a Canadian writer, artist and designer. His first novel was 1991's "Generation X: Tales for an Accelerated Culture." His novella, "Temp," of which this is the first installment, will be running online and in the pages of your daily Metro each weekday through Nov. 29.

# Day 5: Temp is conflicted over co-worker's firing

Sarah No. 2 got the ax just before lunch: the curse of Jeans Day.

To be practical, a company selling itself to China doesn't need someone to plan its long-term e-commerce solution.

Her firing happened quickly, too. One moment she was lecturing about the excessive number of time-expired dairy products in the lunchroom fridge, the next she was standing in the lobby with a cardboard box full of generic desktop crap.

"I suppose you're happy to see me go," she said.

"Not really. I've never had to dumb myself down with you."

She gave me a judgey-looking sigh. "The world's not one big joke you know, Shannon."

She turned around to look at the dumping rain

while waiting for her ride — which didn't seem to be coming. Looking out at the parking lot, she got philosophical.

"You know, I think that in the future we're going to look back on the 40-hour work week with three percent unemployment as a social failure — everyone was busy, but no one was actually doing anything meaningful. Yes, you were busy all day, but so what?"

The phone rang. "Just a moment, Sarah... Good morning. Taylor, Wagner & Kimura Filter Systems, a proud patriotic company since 1899. One moment, I'll connect you."

I put down the receiver.

"Sorry, you were saying?"

"I was saying that I think a 40-hour work week may well seem as odd and cruel to future citizens as seven-year-olds working in Victorian cotton mills does to us."

I thought about this.

"I think you're right.

Where's your ride?"

"According to my most recent text, it's stuck in traffic across town." I quietly phoned Sarah a cab, and when it showed up, I gave her one of my taxi chits: "If it means anything, Sarah, the fridge grosses me out, too. It makes me think of Gwyneth Paltrow in 'Contagion,' especially that scene in the morgue when they slice open her skull."



The fridge makes the temp think of Gwyneth Paltrow in "Contagion." / PROVIDED

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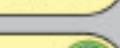
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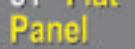
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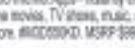
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**Loki: A history**

**'Thor'**

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Tom Hiddleston has made a name for himself as Loki, Thor's brother and main nemesis, introduced in "Thor" then elevated

# TOM HIDDLESTON

The actor says he's fine with his Marvel baddie not being in the "Avengers" sequel.

## LOKI TAKES A BREAK

to the main villain in "Marvel's The Avengers." With "Thor: The Dark World," he seems to be more popular than ever. Hiddleston even showed up to Comic-Con this summer in character to delight fans during the Marvel presentation, though his character won't be appearing in "Avengers: The Age of Ultron." But that's fine by Hiddleston, who has plenty of other projects to keep him busy.

**Between your turns at playing Loki, you've also been working in some independent films and a ton of Shakespeare. How do you approach jumping between so many diverse projects?**

I honestly love doing them all. I've never wanted to impose limits on my work. Actors make the best choices they can in the moment, and quite often the way the picture is assembled, it looks like there's been some grand master plan. But actually it's all very accidental. I just have a genuine love for it all. I suppose I've always wanted to be able to jump between things.

**Q&A**

### What was your honest reaction when director Joss Whedon told you Loki would not be in the second "Avengers" film?

My honest reaction was, "That's fine." I never wanted to overstay my welcome, and I've had such a good run with the character. I've enjoyed it so

much. It was expected, to be honest, that Joss told me he wasn't going to put me in it. So yeah, my honest reaction was, "All right. Maybe it's time for me to

play a few characters who don't have long black hair."



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I never wanted to be just the Shakespeare guy, and I certainly never wanted to be just the superhero guy or even the indie kid. I think the variety really keeps me sharp.

**And you recently made "Only Lovers Left Alive," Jim Jarmusch's offbeat vampire film with Tilda Swinton.**

I had a day between getting back from Tangier (for "Alive") and starting on "Thor 2." The head shift was very quick. I finished with Tilda, I flew back

from Morocco, I put my clothes in the washing machine and the next morning I got up and I was in Asgard with Chris Hemsworth. And I love that. I love that that's what my life is. Here I am talking to you, then I'll go home and I'll start "Coriolanus." It's nice.

**If you have to choose between looking at Tilda Swinton or Chris Hemsworth all day, which do you go with?**

[Laughs] The dance is different, but I love dancing

with both of them.

**How long will "Coriolanus," your next stab at Shakespeare, keep you busy?**

We open in December and it runs until mid-February, which is a wonderful time to be onstage in London. "Coriolanus" is a fascinating prospect because it's [Shakespeare] writing it toward the end of his life. But he was writing for a younger man. It's about the difference between being someone who fights wars and being someone

who makes decisions about fighting wars in the Senate. I'm genuinely geeky and nerdy about Shakespeare. He brings out the nerd in me — that's no secret, I think.

**What's your take on the Shakespeare authorship debate?**

I think there's a couple of definitive arguments for and against, and I'd love to read them. It's a genuine passion of mine. I'm about to do my sixth Shakespearean play. I haven't played Hamlet yet, but one day...

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# Way to hammer it home, Thor



Chris Hemsworth's beefcake god stands down a rock colossus in "Thor: The Dark World." / DISNEY, MARVEL

## Comics sequel.

"Thor: The Dark World" is utterly forgettable — but is that really bad?

Is "Thor: The Dark World" just another inconsequential comic-book spectacular? Or do we demand too much from light (albeit big and expensive) "entertainments"? In the 1930s — if not Hollywood's best decade then its most energetic and delightful — it was common for story to take a backseat to nearly every other factor. One judged the seven "Thin Man" entries not on their mystery plots but on the strength of the banter (and the cocktails).

Let's not compare a belching beefcake god wielding a boomerang hammer to "The Thin Man's" Nick and Nora Charles. (Although fellow Avenger Tony Stark would fit right in at any of their parties.) But given that the comics blockbuster trend shows no sign of abating, it's best to judge them if not as art, a la the Christopher Nolan Batman films, then by relative charm.

And "Thor 2" is sort of charming, at times. The story will never be remembered past the second end-credits scene (yes, there are two). If you must know, there's a race of evil elves, whose leader (Christopher Eccleston) is such a generic genocidal maniac he's not

even given motivation for wanting to destroy the known universes — sorry, "realms."

In the last picture, Chris Hemsworth's Thor was separated from his earthling beloved, Jane (Natalie Portman), who fell for him despite being more than a foot shorter plus maybe a fifth his body weight. Their reunion — further stalled by "Marvel's The Avengers" — is supposed to carry weight, but the smoldering never comes. That's in part because there's an apocalypse to halt. But it's also because nothing important ever takes hold for very long. Major characters die tragic deaths, but the mourning period is brief, the spell quickly broken by action or jokes.

But Thor smashing stuff up is welcome, as is the sense of humor. The first film wore out the (surprisingly decent) fish-out-of-water jokes, but round two has a knack for odd gags that come at unexpected moments. (A throwaway bit involving, of all things, a coat rack makes for an unlikely killer joke.)

### Review

**'Thor: The Dark World'**

**Director:** Alan Taylor

**Stars:** Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman

**Rating:** PG-13

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As usual, Tom Hiddleston's baddie Loki is great, sour, mischievous fun. Also as usual, Hemsworth is a natural at playing both square-jawed rugged and a parody of the same: He kicks ass one second, then lampoons such gravitas the next. And where the first film was weighed down with a dreary protracted climax, the capper here is busy and crazy, with a concept right out of an episode of "Futurama," but it fails to exploit its zany, sci-fi nerd premise from both writing and directing points of view. Director Alan Taylor's action scenes are clean, but he's lost when things go nuts. But it's nice to see such a dorky attempt in a pre-sold product, made with the arrogance that it will definitely be a big moneymaker.

This "Thor" area of the Marvel universe should be insufferable. It's a cynical mishmash of every modern blockbuster trend: a "Lord of the Rings"-type fantasy that also includes space and laser guns. (Certain battles look like the early '80s curio "Krull," which tried to do something similar but without the built-in audience.) It throws everything at you, even groaning wisecracks from a sitcom star (Kat Dennings). A good deal of it, incredibly, sticks, even if it quickly slides off like a cheap suction cup on a window.

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# Sort of OK 'Expectations'

**Dickens movie.**  
A great by a great gets another, fairly perfunctory adaptation.

Unlike Shakespeare, Charles Dickens doesn't get many flashy modern updates. His work is era- and location-specific: grimy England of the mid-19th century, where the chasm between the classes was epic and a sore on the eye. "Great Expectations" was dragged into the present for a phantasmagorically pretty (but brain-drained) version in 1998, directed by "Gravity's" Alfonso Cuarón and starring Ethan Hawke at his most '90s mopey. But it belongs in the distant past, where the times and (especially) the language can truly flourish.

Ask for a straight-up adaptation, and you get this new "Great Expectations," which is perfectly acceptable, highly respectable and slightly dull (if never boring). The plot — in which Pip (eventually played by a strapping Jeremy Irvine) goes from grimy working-class to idle gentleman in London, with the help of a secret benefactor — has been brutally condensed but hits all the necessary plot points and



Helena Bonham Carter plays the dreaded Miss Havisham in "Great Expectations." / JOHANN PERSSON

moves swiftly. The fine cast is headed by Ralph Fiennes as Magwitch, the scary on-the-lam con with a secret. He's excellent, as expected.

Of course, these aren't actual problems for a picture to have. One of its few real issues would be Helena Bonham Carter. She's long been more machine than woman, which may seem ideal for the twisted, mummy-like Miss Havisham, a character that traditionally coaxes the ham out of whoever plays her. But Carter is all spastic, no humanity, particularly when she's supposed to finally reveal some. (Flashbacks to the day she was jilted at the altar are similarly misjudged.)

## Review

'Great Expectations'

Director: Mike Newell

Stars: Jeremy Irvine,  
Helena Bonham Carter

Rating: PG-13

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This version isn't exactly a laugh riot, but it does not sheathe the beautifully named Mr. Pumblechook (played by "Little Britain's" David Walliams) from its running time. It's occasionally bouncy, but not afraid to roll around in the muck.

It still lacks a definitive reason for being — except that the world can always stand to be reminded of towering art. Whether this "Great Expectations" does anything more than remind you of another artwork's greatness is another story.

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# Review. 'The Book Thief' handles Nazi Germany with kid gloves

Germans who lived during Nazi Germany rarely, if ever, liked to talk about life under Hitler's rule, particularly if they found themselves complicit in its horrors. Taking this aspect as its subject makes Markus Zusak's best-seller "The Book Thief" — and the inevitable, tasteful film made of it — genuinely unique in the annals of Holocaust cinema. That it's also narrated by a whimsical Death (Roger Allam) offers the promise of something bizarre on top of insightful.

That promise, alas, is only minutely fulfilled. Turns out this is almost

## Review

'The Book Thief'

Director: Brian Percival

Stars: Sophie Nelisse,  
Geoffrey Rush

Rating: PG-13

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unusually unfailing family. Young Liesel (Sophie Nelisse, quite good) winds up the unhappy foster child of a middle-aged couple, Hans (Geoffrey Rush) and Rosa (Emily Watson). Rush is the main reason the film earns the heart-string tugs, but he also serves as a key point of distraction from how the film distorts the period. Here lies the potential to look at how evil can take over ordinary people, but the film rarely ventures outside our anti-Nazi main characters. Meanwhile, the few supporters are mere easily kissable bullies. **MATT PRIGGE**

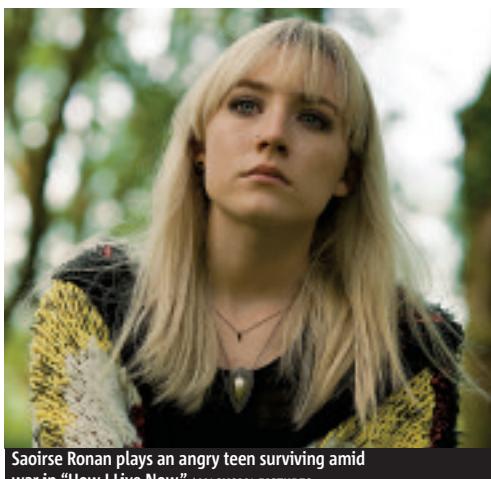
# No vampire love, just a lot of death

**Young Adult film.** "How I Live Now" is a battle between the moony and the grim.

Meg Rosoff's book "How I Live Now" is generally classified under Young Adult largely because it fits the genre in so many ways. Its hero — an angry, pierced American teen who goes by Daisy (played by Saoirse Ronan) — finds herself trapped in rural England just in time for a vague, never specifically defined World War. The country becomes a cruel military state, with the army trying to maintain order and only creating chaos and blood-

shed. Things get hairy (much more than in typical YA fare). Here, people die, and if they don't, they are legitimately traumatized.

But the YA elements — young women tamed by strapping young men with six-pack abs and pretty hair; moony looks caught in step-printed slo-mo — never entirely go away. Much like the vampire vs. werewolf action in the "Twilight" films, there's a war here between grim realism and starry-eyed love. And much of the YA elements appear in the first half, when Ronan's Daisy arrives from America to stay with her rural England cousins. She's cold to everyone, albeit somewhat less cold to token babe Eddie (George MacKay), who's luckily not that close of a cousin.



Saoirse Ronan plays an angry teen surviving amid war in "How I Live Now." / MAGNOLIA PICTURES

At first they ignore the horror, even when a nuclear bomb goes off in London and all electricity shuts off. They enjoy a Nick Drake-backed montage as they live off the land, but the good times can't last, and "How I Live Now" deserves credit for getting pretty close to the brink (and for including actual sex and lots of swearing). But the YA aspect serves to reassure us that, even if things don't work out perfectly, they won't be completely hopeless.

## Review

### 'How I Live Now'

Director: Kevin Macdonald

Stars: Saoirse Ronan, George MacKay

Rating: R

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"I really want to get

people to start thinking about ingredients, flavor pairings and using unusual things in sweet desserts," she says.

For those still uneasy about tackling dessert, Bilderback has some advice: "Just relax. It's only food; it's not that expensive. And if you screw it up, you didn't lose very much, and you learned in the process."

Plus, a scoop of ice cream makes everything taste better.

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Mexican chocolate**

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Move over, hot chocolate. / TERI LYN FISHER

### Ingredients

#### Makes 2 Mug Cakes

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- $\frac{1}{2}$  wheel Mexican chocolate, chopped
- 1 large egg
- $3\frac{1}{2}$  tablespoons milk
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 tablespoons self-rising flour
- Pinch of kosher salt

### Topping ideas:

Whipped cream, crema, caramel sauce, cajeta, shaved chocolate, a dusting of ground cinnamon or chopped pecans.

**1** Combine the butter and Mexican chocolate in a large mug. Microwave for 30 to 60 seconds until melted.

**2** Whisk with a fork to combine, then whisk in the egg. Stir in the milk, vanilla, brown sugar and cocoa.

**3** Add the flour and salt. Beat the batter until smooth. Divide the batter between two mugs. Microwave separately for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  minutes each until risen and firm.



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This better be a real page-turner! /JUSTIN K. ALLER, GETTY IMAGES

## Paltrow continues feud with Vanity Fair

Gwyneth Paltrow is taking a stand. She wants all those concerned about freedom and justice to join her in protesting Vanity Fair's cruelty to Gwyneth Paltrow.

Rumor has it that she is frantic over an upcoming Vanity Fair profile of her

that contains some less than flattering revelations. She's already tried to get her famous friends to stop talking to the publication; now she wants them to refuse to party with VF too.

"Gwyneth feels her relationship with the magazine has been destroyed

## THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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and she's urging pals not just to avoid doing business with the magazine, but to skip the mag's Oscar party as well," a source told Radar Online.

Vanity Fair's Oscar party is one of the swankiest, most prestigious parties in Hollywood. Even I, a humble writer currently wearing teddy bear pajamas, know that. So I'd say Paltrow is about to find out who her friends really are. Will Beyoncé think it's worth missing the biggest bash of the year to keep the 10 percent discount on her GOOP subscription?

MELINDA TAUB

## Jesus Christ – Lord or Figure-head?

*"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.'"*

Matthew 7:21

Figure-heads are common in business and governments – persons who seem to be in charge, but in reality have little or no power or influence. Others decide. Sadly that is true even in Christianity. Is Christ Lord (master) in your life? ...In your church? He is our Lord only if we are in obedient submission to His will / word.

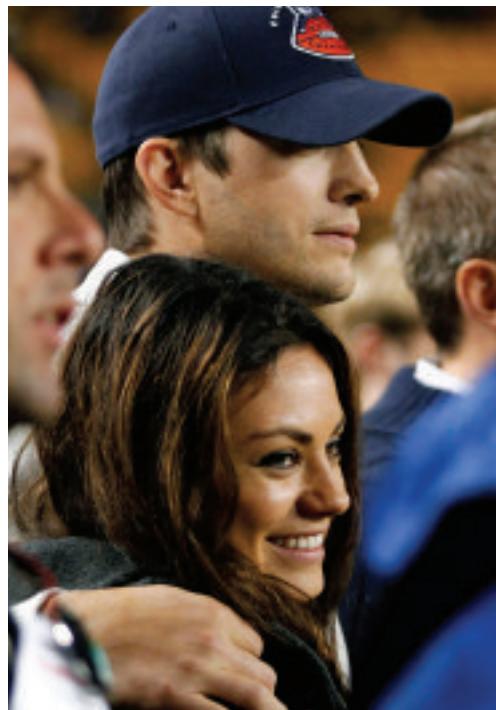
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## Kutcher and Kunis planning a baby?

These two good-looking people could make a really hot baby.  
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## A healthy Robin Roberts goes country

"Good Morning America" host Robin Roberts, in a sexy jumpsuit and open-toe heels, looked the picture of health and then some on the red carpet at the CMA Awards in Nashville on Wednesday. Roberts was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome in 2012 and underwent a bone marrow transplant last October.



Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore are reportedly about to file paperwork to formally end their marriage, and apparently it can't happen soon enough for Kutcher, who is desperate to start a family with girlfriend Mila Kunis, according to Radar Online. "Ashton has made no

secret of the fact that he wants to have a baby and he's told his family that they're not taking any 'precautions' against having a baby," a source says. "They don't really care if marriage comes before baby. In fact, they don't think they have to be married to have a child."

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**Horoscope****III Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.**

You'll have an idea for a cultural change while traveling. Share your thoughts, and the insight you get will alter your future.

**IV Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec.**

**21.** It's a good time to make personal changes, but don't try to get others to follow suit. Leave well enough alone.

**V Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan.**

**20.** Put on a happy face, and you'll charm even your most difficult opponent. Your knowledge and innovative approach to matters will capture attention.

**VI Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.**

Keep your goals in view. Your perspective on things is sound. A change in the way you feel about someone is likely.

**VII Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.**

You'll be tempted to use unusual tactics to get what you want, but you need to be sure of things. A financial dispute will be settled.

**VIII Aries | March 21-April 20.**

Listen to what others are saying and observe the way people react. Don't make changes that could cause an emotional situation to spin out of control.

**IX Taurus | April 21-May 21.**

Contribute to a group that can help further your position. Networking will lead to a collaborative relationship with someone.

**XI Gemini | May 22-June 20.**

Pursue your needs without forcing your will on others. Keeping the peace will allow you the freedom to reach your goals. Take care of a debt.

**XII Cancer | June 21-July 22.**

Relationships will play a major role in the near future. Nurture the connections that you feel have the most to offer.

**XI Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.**

Keep a watchful eye on the people likely to take advantage of you. Problems at home will require you to make a change.

**XII Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.**

Participate in activities that will help you form closer bonds. Social plans that focus on exploring interests should be put in motion.

**XIII Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.**

Do what's expected of you and keep moving. Making a fuss or letting your emotions affect your productivity will be your downfall.

BERNICE BEDE OSOL

**Letters****Poor Eminem, stifled by those taking offense**

words and I support his freedom to do so.

LYLE ROY HULSHIZER, VIA EMAIL

**Democracy isn't a time sink**

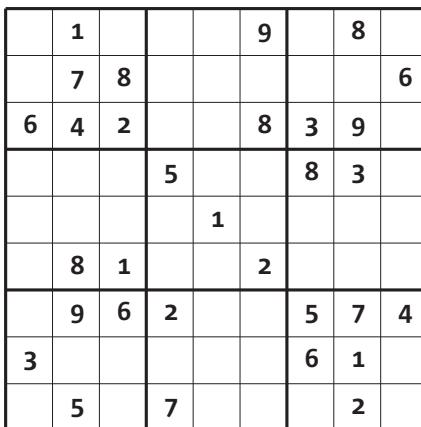
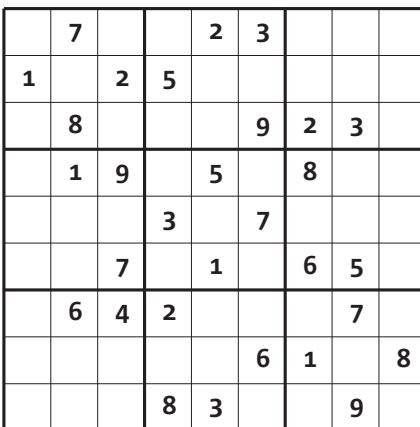
**Re: 'Eminem doesn't mean for gay slurs to insult gay people' (Metro, Nov. 6)** I can relate to Eminem's frustration at wanting to be free to say stuff that offends people. It is so unfortunate that words have meanings and even more so that when put to musical rhythm, they internalize so much more effectively. I would personally love to have a plethora of insulting words and phrases which don't insult the genitalia or the uses and users thereof. It's terrible that Eminem can't say all those hurtful, vicious, mean-spirited words without offending people. I guess if he really truly and genuinely doesn't intend harm and isn't in denial, as I would be if I said I didn't intend redundancy just there, he could choose other

First, no one ever told you that duties and responsibilities were going to be easy. So you had to wait in line and took valuable time from your busy day. What, 30 minutes a year? It's called democracy. Second, give us seniors a break. Some day you may be older and unable to read everything. GET OVER IT!

JOHN PARISI, VIA EMAIL

**letters@metro.us**

Keep them as brief as possible, preferably under 100 words. Metro reserves the right to edit all letters. Please include your name and contact info.

**Sudoku: Easy and hard****Crossword****Across**

1 Taj —  
6 LP player (hyph.)  
10 — Wooley of 1950s pop  
14 Trump ex  
15 Bloodhound's clue  
16 Heavy volume  
17 Like a cheap piano  
18 Eggy drinks  
19 "You said it!"  
20 A little bit  
21 In a weird way  
23 Jacques, in song  
24 Prefix with "red"  
26 Pulp fruit  
27 Soothe  
29 Sideshow worker  
31 Cyrus' realm, now  
32 Standup —  
33 No, to a lassie  
36 Hint of what's to come?  
(4 wds.)  
40 Fabric meas.  
41 Lines on a map  
42 Kind of moth  
43 Opens wide  
44 Ancient German  
46 Senator-astronaut  
48 Emotional heat  
49 Coffee —  
50 "Same here!"  
52 Constellation next to Scorpius

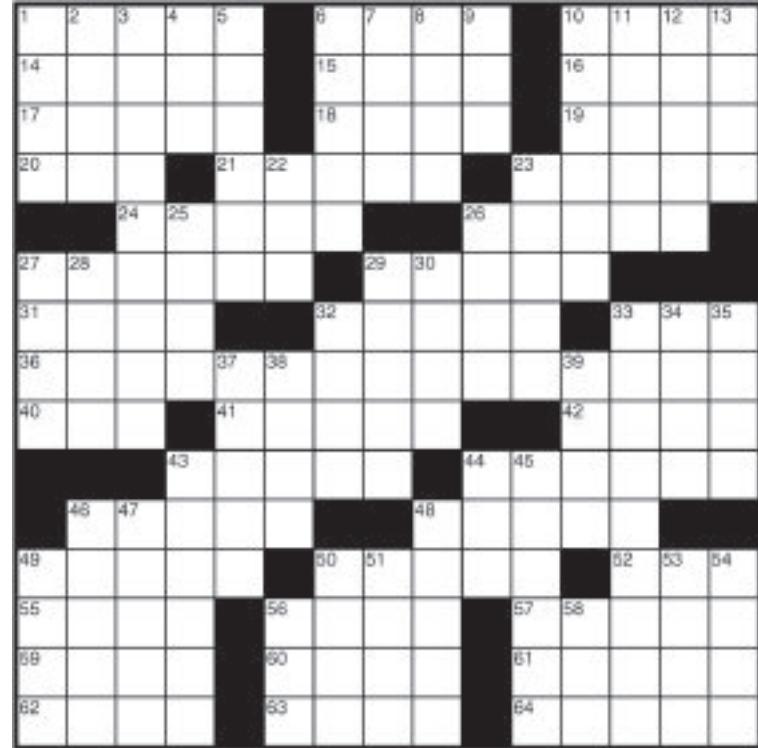
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56 Chaplin's wife  
57 Wastes time  
59 Macbeth, e.g.  
60 Norse giant  
61 Window ledges  
62 Counting-out start  
63 "A — —care!"  
64 Secret rendezvous

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1 Padded glove  
2 Reebok rival  
3 Odds eveners  
4 Ms. Jillian  
5 Worker's dread  
6 Accord maker  
7 Goddess's statue  
8 Stick-in-the-mud  
9 1040 org.  
10 Like the night sky  
11 Greek epic poet  
12 Abrasive mineral  
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22 Shriveled up  
23 Thief's need  
25 Muchacho  
26 — -a-brac  
27 Commiserate with  
28 Like the Gobi  
29 Dorm dwellers  
30 Writer Kingsley —  
32 Adage-spouting detective

33 Without bias  
34 Florence's river  
35 "A Visit From the Goon Squad" author  
37 Hot dog  
38 Hamlet  
39 Visibly cold  
43 On the rise  
44 Explosive ltrs.  
45 "Me" devotee  
46 Elegance  
47 Allow to board (2 wds.)  
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# Giants will not overlook Pryor

**NFL.** The Raiders are coming off an ugly loss to the Eagles, but the Giants aren't taking them lightly.

The Giants are riding a two-game winning streak, finally getting key guys healthy and are facing a Raiders team coming off a 49-20 drubbing by the Eagles. So it may seem like Big Blue is primed for an easy win.

But the Giants (2-6) are preparing for the Raiders (3-5) as if they're one of the best teams in the league, believing Oakland possesses enough talent on both sides of the ball to give Big Blue a real test.

"We haven't played the Raiders in a little bit of time, so we've been in an extended study of this team. They obviously, with [Terrelle] Pryor as a quarterback, have a whole new dimension in terms of their offensive football. He has tremendous speed, tremen-



Pryor set a record with a 93-yard touchdown run two weeks ago. / GETTY IMAGES

dous ability and a strong arm," said head coach Tom Coughlin. "They do run an option style offense with him [and] he may average 10 to 12 runs per game and, of course, he had the longest run in NFL history by a quarterback [last week] against the Steelers. ... And they have an outstanding receiver corps that's capable of going deep. They have a fast team and so they're a team that appears on the rise, they're very challenging and we look forward to the preparation."

But it was Oakland's

#### Cruz update

Wide receiver Victor Cruz has practiced on and off this week, but was back on the field Thursday.

- "There's no concern at all [about missing the Raiders game]. I sat out [Wednesday] just for some precautionary stuff," said Cruz. "But I took the day to heal and rebuild, [I] feel better today and am starting to feel better about myself."

24th-ranked pass defense which took a pounding against the Eagles, as Nick Foles threw for an NFL record-tying seven touchdowns. Just don't tell Giants quarterback Eli Manning that.

"They've played very good defense for six of the games," said Manning. Obviously last week was a little tough, but besides that, not many teams have scored over 20 points on them."

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Cruz expects to play.  
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#### Giants vs. Raiders: Three things to watch

The Giants take on the Raiders Sunday, looking to extend their two-game winning streak.

Should Big Blue knock off the Raiders, they'll be halfway to doing the impossible of getting to .500 — this after dropping their first six contests.

Metro looks at three things to watch for in Sunday's game (1 p.m., CBS):

#### 1 Pryor commitment

QB Terrelle Pryor has been battling a nagging knee injury all week, but assured the New York media he's "coming for you guys" during his conference call. Pryor is a unique athlete in that he's as big as a defensive lineman (6-foot-6, 245 pounds) but as fast as most wideouts (4.38 seconds in the 40-yard dash).

#### 2 Cruz control

The Giants are getting healthy in the backfield with the readdition of Andre Brown and likely return of Brandon Jacobs. But they now must contend with the fact wideout Victor Cruz (neck) is banged up from a hit he suffered two weeks ago. He says he plans to go, though.

#### 3 Offensive weapons

The Raiders' offense is as explosive as any in the league, mainly because of their elite speed in the backfield. Darren McFadden may be out, but Rashad Jennings has good speed, making the Raiders' read-option just as stealth without their starter. **TONY WILLIAMS**

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# Johnnies open season filled with potential

**St. John's.** The Red Storm is in a new league (sort of), but has some serious expectations for the first time in years.

Gone are the days of the rivalries with Syracuse, Louisville and UConn, but St. John's has a new home in the same conference.

The new Big East Conference still has a lot of familiar faces — Georgetown, Seton Hall and Providence among others — but the Red Storm also has some unfamiliar expectations, at least unfamiliar as of late.

Two coaches in the preseason poll picked St. John's to win the conference. They also have one player on the Big East all-conference first team and one on the second team.

JaKarr Sampson was the player picked to the second team and he'll have plenty of expectations on him after winning the Freshman of the Year last season — in a much more crowded Big



D'Angelo Harrison appeared unlikely to be on the team as recently as a couple months ago. / GETTY IMAGES

## Projected starting five

- 1 D'Angelo Harrison 17.8 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 2.3 apg
- 2 Sir'Dominic Pointer 6.9 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 2.8 apg
- 3 Jamal Branch 6.1 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 2.7 apg
- 4 JaKarr Sampson 14.9 ppg, 6.6 rpg, 1.1 bpg
- 5 Chris Obekpa 3.9 ppg, 6.2 rpg, 4.0 bpg



JAKARR SAMPSON RETURNED FOR HIS SOPHOMORE SEASON. / GETTY IMAGES

East — and eschewing the NBA Draft in favor of returning to Queens.

D'Angelo Harrison is returning under much different circumstances. He was suspended last season, and appeared likely to leave school, before being reinstated. He's been named to the conference first team, but will have to keep his act together if he wants to live up to his tremendous potential.

They also have a deep bench and the league's top freshman in Rysheed Jordan.

Potential is the buzzword for the Johnnies this season. They will have a chance to show it in action quickly with a matchup against No. 20 Wisconsin Friday night (7 p.m., Big Ten Network).

"Part of the fun and part of the concern is that there are a lot of unknowns with this team," head coach Steve Lavin said. "But I like our personnel, makeup and upside."

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## Other locals

### Seton Hall

Like the Red Storm, the Pirates move to the new Big East. They are not, however, as talented. They were picked to finish eighth of 10 schools and have no players on the first, second or honorable mention all-conference squads. Fuquan Edwin scored 16.5 points per game in 2012-13.

### LIU-Brooklyn

The Blackbirds made the Big Dance last season — for the third straight time — out of the Northeast Conference and could do it again in 2014. They did, however, lose stud forward Jamal Olasewere and his 18.9 points per game a year ago.

### Manhattan

The Jaspers are one of the hottest mid-major programs in the country and the preseason pick to win the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (over other nearby schools, such as Iona). George Beamon is a tremendous scorer and is healthy for the first time in two seasons, while Rhamel Brown returns down low.

### Fordham

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